lakhs to North and South Campuses of Delhi University for purchase of books and journals.

(c) The University Grants Commission has allocated Rs. 870 lakhs to the Central Universities for purchase of books and journals during the 8th Plan period.

UGC has also formulated a proposal for setting up an Inter-University Centre for Information and Library Network to inter-link the various libraries and information centres through a computer network. This will improve accessibility of information from one library to another across the country.

Publications by National Archives of India

2119. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of regular publications brought out annually by the National Archives of India in Hindi and other regional languages to carry the knowledge of our archival National heritage to common people ; and

(b) what was the total budget for publication during the last three years and how much of it was spent on these publications ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) The National Archives of India brings out only one annual publication in Hindi "Varshik Prativedan", which gives details of major activities of the National Archives of India. No regular publication is brought out by them in any regional language.

(b) Out of the total budget for printing and publication of Rs. 10.23 lakhs for the last three years, a total amount of Rs. 64,259|- was spent on the "Varshik Prativedan".

Knowledge of Geological Survey of India

2120. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has advanced technological knowhow and the equipment ;

(b) if not, what is being done to procure such knowhow and equipment ; and

(c) whether in view of the major part of the survey being completed the Geological Survey of India would be reduced in size, and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has some of the advanced technological knowhow and equipment in the field of earth sciences. It constantly upgrades its scientific and technical skills and equipments as per its needs and availability of resources.

(c) No, Sir.

आरक्षित वन क्षेत्रों में खनन कार्य पर निक्षेप

2121. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी** : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आरक्षित वन क्षेत्र के बाहर चार किलोमीटर की परिधि के अन्दर बिना पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय की अनुमति से खनन कार्य पर रोक लगा दी है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस नियम के लागू होने से लगभग सम्पूर्ण खनिज क्षेत्र इससे प्रभावित होगा; और